



MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN

These bulletins are purely informational for the maritime community within this Captain of the Port zone. They serve to keep you advised of emerging information & situations that may impact our Marine Transportation System. They also help to manage expectations & facilitate cooperation regarding actions that we may be taking and/or that you may need to employ in the interest of safety/security. Increased vigilance in our maritime world hinges significantly upon proactive engagement & information sharing with the private sector, which has the primary responsibility for security & safety at their waterfront facilities & vessels.

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SUBJECT: HURRICANE CHARLIE

1. As a service to our maritime customers we are alerting the marine community to the possibility of Hurricane Charlie affecting the shores of New England. Hurricane Charlie, currently a category 2 hurricane with sustained winds of 125 MPH, has made landfall in Florida and is expected to transit the eastern seaboard and impact coastal areas along Connecticut and New York within 24-48 hours. Although hurricane force winds are not expected, storm surges of up to nine feet are anticipated on shorelines across Connecticut and Long Island. To stay informed you may visit the National Hurricane Center's web site (<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>). We will remain in contact with the NWS and will pass along any additional advisories to be noted. You are urged to make adequate preparations to protect the safety of life and property.
2. In the event that Hurricane Charlie changes course and directly threatens the New England area, our office will provide additional guidance and any further actions that need to be addressed.

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